

El Salvador to Introduce New Policy on Indigenous Peoples



San Salvador, June 17 (teleSUR-RHC)-- El Salvador's Secretary of Culture announced Monday that the country has worked with over a dozen Indigenous organizations on a new policy aiming to better the lives of native peoples in the Central American state and that it will be presented in the upcoming days.

"This is the policy of indigenous populations duly published, in which 18 indigenous organizations, but also nine state institutions... have been working in a relentless way," said Ramón Rivas during the program *Governing with people* made in the municipality of Nahuizalco.

The document outlines strategies and policies aimed at guaranteeing the rights of native peoples, rescue their identities, and improve their life conditions.

The state official encouraged the residents of Nahuizalco, one of the country's most indigenous-populated area to take an active part in the presentation of the policy, as it represented an important tool defending their interests.

Salvadoran President Salvador Sánchez Cerén – who served as the vice president and minister of education in the previous government – was elected to office in March 2014. He is the current FMLN leader, a political party formed in 1980 as an umbrella group of leftist revolutionary organizations, just before civil war broke out in the country. Soon after his election, he reformed the constitution to guarantee the preservation of indigenous communities' culture and rights.

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